

MINUTES OF MEETING

Longbrook Park Commission

March 7, 2016

The Longbrook Park Commission conducted a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016 in Council Chambers of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to notice duly posted.

1. CALL TO ORDER: 7:05 p.m.

PRESIDING: Chairman Mark Dumas

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Council members Mark Dumas and Marianne Antezzo, electorate members Jon Merriam, James McGuire, and Roger Salls.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Resident/Guest: Tom Galatie, 492 King Street

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - regularly scheduled meeting of July 22, 2015. — A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. McGUIRE, SECONDED BY MR. MERRIAM TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. OLD BUSINESS — None.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Park Maintenance — the following issues were noticed:

Wall hanging at paddleball court (near the stairs), Clay courts need cleaning, doors are bent, walkway (off Hurd Ave, over the bridge) is piled with leaves, the gate at the end of the pond is not clean therefore preventing drainage of water. Garbage is left about after sports events. Mr. Dumas will report these concerns to Stratford Parks Superintendent Mr. Esposito.

b. Misuse of Penders Field and signage regarding unauthorized use of field

It is observed that the field is used outside the structured practices thus damaging the field. Broken windows of area homes are paid for by the Board of Education. Bike riders have been observed using the field. Nets and scoreboard are being damaged. Mr. Salls suggested a “walk-through” at the Park on a Saturday to evaluate and assess other Penders Field abuse.

Mr. Galatie and Mr. Merriam said that the field has signs posted stating “use by Permit”.

Mr. Salls suggested contacting the Town Attorney as to the correct verbiage for signs.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. MERRIAM, SECONDED BY MS. ANTEZZO TO PAY FOR SIGNAGE CONTAINING THE VERBIAGE THAT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IS COMFORTABLE WITH. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

c. Recommendations to Town Council for Capital Improvement Plan

Tennis Court area needs attention, expansion of netting to prevent balls from breaking windows of area houses. Option for cameras was suggested.

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d. Status of Wilcoxson Fathers' Club temporary ice rink proposal.

Mr. Dumas reported that the rink was donated to the town by the Club. The Mayor will donate additional funds from his golf tournament. The ice rink has not yet been erected. Liability issues need to be addressed. Discussion: maintenance of rink.

e. Commission meeting schedule

The Commission is reconsidering the current preset schedule. Tentatively discussed was the fourth Wednesday of which the next meeting would be April 27.

5. ADJOURNMENT – Hearing no other business, Mr. Dumas called for a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. ANTEZZO, SECONDED BY MR. McGUIRE AND VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Cabral - Secretary